

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated 18 December 2006, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21-24, 26-34, 36-39, 41-44 and 46-48; and objects to claims 4, 8, 12, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, and 49. In response to the Office Action, Applicants amend claims 1, 5, 9, 16, 21, 31, 36, 41, and 46; cancel claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-15, 17-20, 22-30, 32-35, 37-40, 42-45, and 47-49; and respectfully traverse the rejections. Claims 1, 5, 9, 16, 21, 31, 36, 41, and 46 remain in the application. In light of the following arguments, Applicants respectfully request the rejections of the claims be removed and this application be allowed.

Applicants have amended all independent claims to include subject matter from claims that the Examiner has stated are allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

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